

# Tewa Turning 20

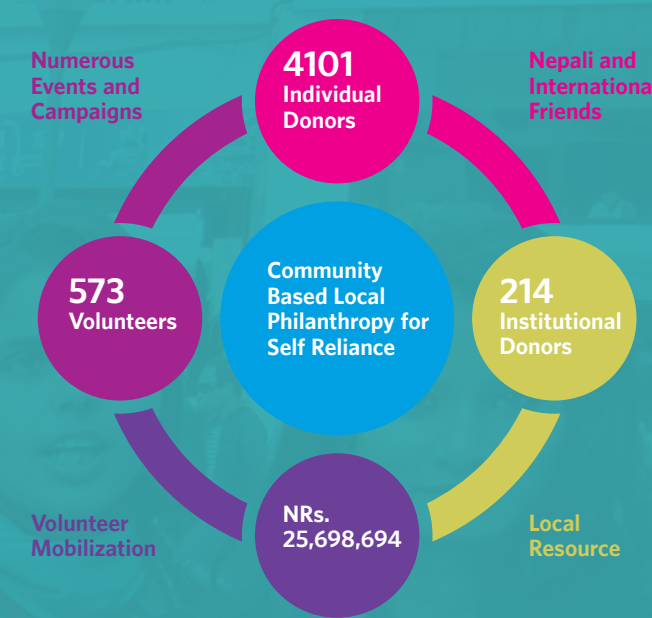
Tewa (meaning support in Nepali) – the Nepal women’s fund was initiated in September 1995, and was formally registered with the Government of Nepal in April 1996. Tewa works to advance and empower women all over Nepal by fostering a culture of self-reliance through community philanthropy and grant making to organized groups of women throughout Nepal. Given its relatively short institutional history and its location in Nepal, Tewa has become a model for women’s organizations in Nepal and is the member of the International Network of Women’s Funds (INWF - which historically began in Tewa’s office in Nepal in 2000).

vulnerable groups who are also at the center of the human and women’s rights development.

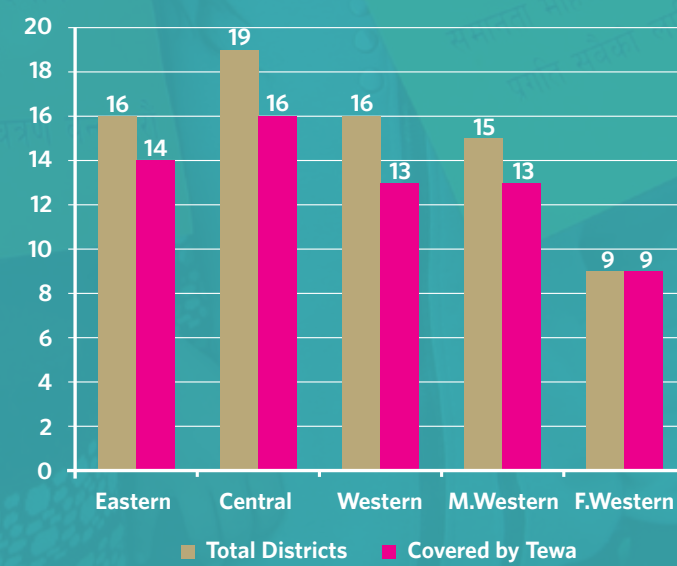
## Core programmes

- Grant making to organized groups of women all over Nepal
- Community level local fund raising
- Volunteer capacity building and mobilization
- Engaging and educating community children in local philanthropy
- Resource generation from the running of the Tewa Centre for Tewa’s self reliance and sustainability

## Tewa’s FUNDRAISING AND GRANT MAKING



## Tewa GRANTS DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DEVELOPMENT REGIONS AND DISTRICTS (AS OF JANUARY 2014)



## Vision

Philanthropy for sustainable development and peace.

## Mission

To enhance women’s voice and visibility to ensure their rights and informed participation through modern strategic philanthropy, to foster sustainable development in Nepal.

## Learnings and the way forward

In its 20th year, Tewa has learnt that women on the ground are the best change agents in their communities. Over the course of its life, Tewa has nurtured a body of women confident in their own agency and in their felt advocacy needs through its consolidated work.

Tewa commits to support initiatives that increase collaboration, building alliances and advocacy for women’s human rights (social, economic and political rights). She will continue to support the most

## FOUNDER

Rita Thapa

## BOARD MEMBERS

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Menuka Magarati, *Homemaker*  
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Shiva Sharan Bista, *Guard*  
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“Social Justice Philanthropy grounded in its Community is what Tewa believes in. Creating an enabling environment, with access, opportunities and resources for women is the way forward for NOW and for the FUTURE.”

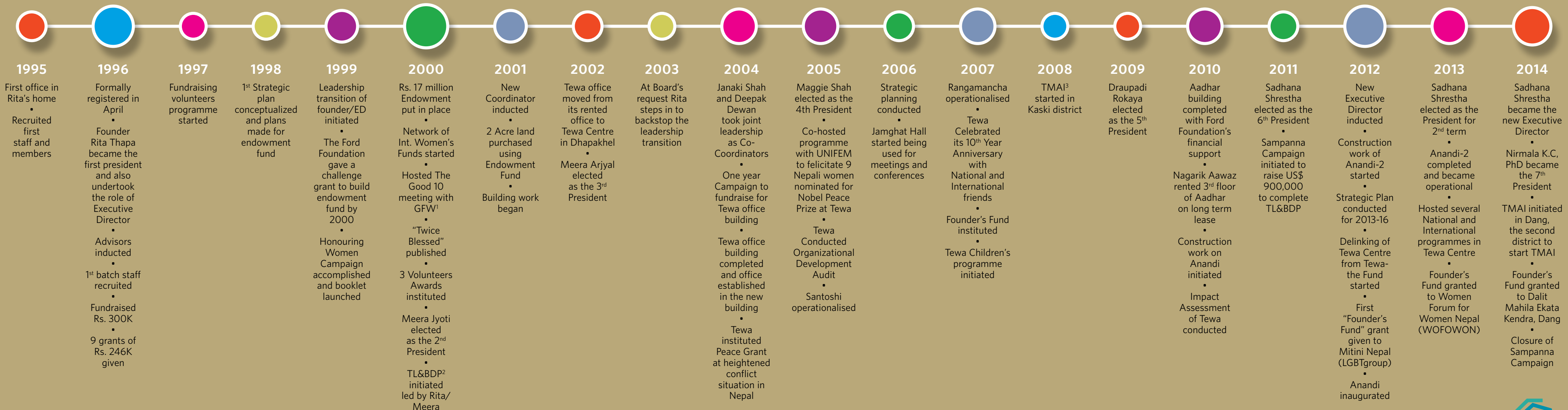
• Sadhana Shrestha, Executive Director, Tewa

“Tewa has traversed its two decade long journey by advocating for local philanthropy to help support organized groups of women throughout Nepal, who are eager and committed for their betterment and empowerment. We commit to give continuation to our work with renewed and added vigour to sustain peace and development in our communities.”

• Nirmala K.C., PhD, President, Tewa



## Tewa Timeline / 09.1995 - 03.2014



<sup>1</sup> GFW : The Global Fund for Women, USA

<sup>2</sup> TL&BDP : Tewa Land and Building Development Project

<sup>3</sup> TMAI : Tewa Model Adaptation Initiative

